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Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 13 September 2006, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-first session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 13th to 16th and 25th meetings, on 19, 20, 23 and 25 October and on 9 November 2006 and held the general debate on the item at its 14th to 16th meetings, on 20, 23 and 25 October (see A/C.4/61/SR.13-16).

3. At the 13th meeting, on 19 October, the Chairman of the Committee and the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made statements (see A/C.4/61/SR.13).

4. At the same meeting, the Committee moved into a closed session and held an interactive dialogue on the item with the Under-Secretary-General and representatives of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations.

5. In the course of the closed session, the Under-Secretary-General heard comments and responded to questions from Member States.

6. At the 25th meeting, on 9 November, the Chairman made a statement (see A/C.4/61/SR.25) regarding the report of the Group of Legal Experts (A/60/980).

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